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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 20, 2006, Applicants elect to pursue the invention of Group I, identified as claims 1-7 for further prosecution in the application.

Applicants reserve the right to pursue the invention of non-elected Group II (claims 8-12) in a divisional application.

An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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